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State of Michigan  
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Governor Snyder,

Access to safe, affordable drinking water is a basic necessity for every community. It is completely unacceptable that respected scientific experts and our trusted local physicians have verified that the City of Flint's drinking water is dangerous for our citizens, especially our most vulnerable young people.

As a result, I am formally requesting assistance as suggested by the experts on the frontline of this public health crisis. Here are the top priorities we should work together to address:

1. **Swift transfer to a safe source of water until the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) project is complete next year.** Your administration has the ability to ensure a financially acceptable and responsible contract between Flint and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, particularly in light of the public health implications with the Flint River supply.
2. **Equally urgent is the need for corrosion control as recommended by independent scientific experts.** There are chemical treatment additives that could help reduce this corrosion. I urge you to help the city implement anti-corrosion methods immediately. The current emergency makes the January timeline unacceptable.
3. **Filters and bottled water assistance.** Flint water touches the entire city. Whether it's a person's home, work, school, restaurant or place of worship, access to safe, clean drinking water should not be hindered. Water filters, used in conjunction with corrosion control methods, are necessary to help guard against toxic exposure.

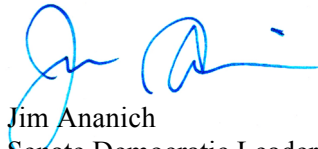
I have been working with the philanthropic community and private sector to secure donations to acquire filters and water; however, more funds will be necessary to effectively cover the thousands of residents impacted. I would like to formally request emergency funding to help supplement the acquisition of water filters and bottled water. Any and all appropriate state or federal money to help accomplish this feat should be considered.

4. **Support for completion of the KWA pipeline.** It is presumed that the upcoming KWA pipeline will solve a number of problems associated with the current sourcing of Flint's water from the Flint River. I am requesting a meeting between representatives from your office, KWA board members and project engineers to discuss any options to expedite the pipeline's construction.
5. **A long-term commitment to addressing outdated infrastructure.** A recent EPA report just outlined the billions of dollars necessary over the next several decades to adequately secure safe water for our entire state. You have the position and opportunity to be a national leader on moving the debate forward on this topic so that we can avoid the type of catastrophe my community is grappling with today.

I look forward to working with you to deliver on these concrete and urgent action items to alleviate the public health crisis facing our residents.

We jeopardize any progress and comeback for our cities and state if we cannot ensure safe, basic necessities for our families or if we cannot come together swiftly to fix an identified, severe threat to the safety of our people.

Sincerely,



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